

HOUSE RESOLUTION 470
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Thomas Braden upon winning Third Place in the High School Division of the Maury County NAACP's Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those students who look toward a promising future by honoring the leaders of the past; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County chapter of the NAACP recently sponsored its Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest, as part of the Third Annual Maury County NAACP Youth Blowout; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Blowout and Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest were founded by Maury County NAACP Second Vice President and Special Projects Director Terry Williams; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Blowout is held between Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month each year as a celebration for and by youth in the Maury County area; and

WHEREAS, the essay contest is open to all Maury County high school and middle school students, and sponsors hope to open the contest to all students in the State of Tennessee in the future; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's essay was "What Would Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Think Of The Present World?"; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication and expert application of his writing skills, Thomas Braden claimed Third Place in the High School Division of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest; and

WHEREAS, the Third Annual Maury County NAACP Youth Blowout was hosted by Bethel A.M.E. Chapel Church in Columbia, and the awards were presented by Representative

Tom DuBois, Talitha English, the winner of the First Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and a sophomore at Middle Tennessee State University, and NAACP Officers; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause in our deliberations to praise this fine young man for his work to honor one of this nation's greatest leaders; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thomas Braden on winning Third Place in the High School Division of the Maury County NAACP's Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest and wish this outstanding young scholar and citizen every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.